

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, November 4, 2019, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding	Alderman Colette George
Alderman Jennifer Adler	Alderman Tommy Olterman
Alderman Darrell Duncan	Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager
J Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
Sidney H. Cox, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall. Absent: Alderman Betsy Cooper.
3. **TRANSIT UPDATE.** Transit Manager Chris Campbell gave a presentation on this item. He highlighted the benefits and services provided by KATS as well as the trends and upcoming promotions. Lastly he commented on the rebranding efforts and displayed the new logo and the meaning behind it.
4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager McCartt and members of staff gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

VI.A.1 Amend Zoning Text to Create a Definition for Funeral and Interment Services (AF: 213-2019). Development Services Director Ken Weems presented this item, noting this item is being brought back for a second public hearing tomorrow night and that 93 letters had been sent out to notify property owners within 300 feet.

VI.A.2 Vacate Unimproved Right-of-Way Named Alabama Street Located Off Hollis Street (AF: 251-2019). Mr. Weems provided details on this item, stating that after some research this street is a "paper street" that was never developed.

VI.B.5 Amend City Code by Adding a New Section in Chapter 62, Offenses and Nuisances, Pertaining to Permanent or Temporary Structures on Public Rights-of-Way (AF: 253-2019). City Attorney Billingsley provided information on this item and answered questions from the board. He stated the purpose of this change was to govern items in regards to safety as the number one priority as well as athletics also being a governmental priority. Alderman Adler asked for clarification regarding the types of items addressed. She also asked Mr. Billingsley to highlight the relevant case law pertaining to this issue. He stated the government has a right to maintain its property, noting that although a structure may not be allowed, a person can stay as long as they want to. Some discussion followed.

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VI.B.6 Transfer Funds for the West Kingsport Sewer Lift Station and Force Main Project (AF: 257-2019). City Manager McCartt stated this was a highly visible 5.9 million dollar project and asked Deputy City Manager Ryan McReynolds to provide further details. Mr. McReynolds noted this has been a priority for some time and explained the impact this project will have on the community. Alderman Duncan pointed out the investment in infrastructure over the next five years.

VI.D.1 Approve and Adopt the City of Kingsport Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 2019 Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update (AF: 201-2019). Human Resources Director George DeCroes gave a presentation on this item, highlighting the process that was followed and the amount of work that has went into this plan. Considerable discussion ensued.

VI.D.4 Approve Donation of City-Owned Property Located on Gibson Mill Road to Sullivan County Government to Construct a New EMS Station (AF: 246-2019). City Manager McCartt stated the county notified staff of this several months ago and worked with them to reach a solution. Several county commissioners were present and expressed their appreciation to the board, noting this will improved response time as well.

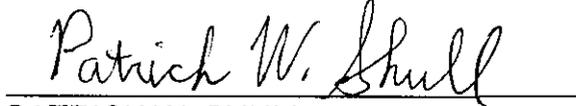
VI.D.7 Approve Lease with Serenity Improvement at the Renaissance Center (AF: 252-2019). City Manager McCartt confirmed the lease amount was increasing. He also stated space would be opening up at VO Dobbins next year when Human Resources and Community Services moves to the new city hall building.

City Recorder Sid Cox gave an update on the bonds that were sold earlier in the day, noting the market was favorable and the rates were good. Closing is scheduled for November 15.

5. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.


ANGELA MAFFEI
Deputy City Recorder




PATRICK W. SHULL
Mayor